

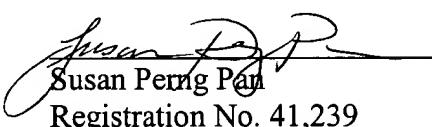
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 09/826,851

REMARKS

In a One Month Restriction Requirement dated September 10, 2002, claim 22 was objected to for form. To expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant cancels non-elected claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Perrig Pan
Registration No. 41,239

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037-3213
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

Date: October 10, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 09/826,851

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 22 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.